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NEW HAMPSHIRE MEN CHARGED WITH BANK ROBBERIES

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE: United States Attorney Tom Colantuono, Senior Supervisory Agent in Charge Jay Fallon of the FBI, Portsmouth Police Chief Michael Magnant, Exeter Police Chief Richard Kane, and North Hampton Police Chief Brian Page today announced that Boden Hughes, 25 of Kittery, Maine, and Peter Robbins, 27, of Kittery, Maine, were indicted by a U.S. District Court grand jury on bank robbery and aiding and abetting bank robbery charges.

Hughes was charged with robbing the Bank of New Hampshire, 1500 Lafayette Road, Portsmouth, New Hampshire on January 25, 2004, robbing the Fleet Bank, Portsmouth Avenue, Exeter, on February 23, 2004, and with aiding and abetting Peter Robbins in the March 3, 2004, robbery of the Bank of New Hampshire, 46 Lafayette Road, North Hampton, New Hampshire. Peter Robbins was charged with robbing the Bank of New Hampshire on March 3, 2004. All of the robberies were committed by the use of a demand note handed to a bank teller.

A trial is scheduled for Peter Robbins on May 4, 2004 at the United States District Court in Concord. The trial date for Boden Hughes is May 18, 2004. The penalty for bank robbery and aiding and abetting bank robbery is a sentence of up to 20 years for each robbery. The United States Sentencing Guidelines generally provide for a sentence that is less than the 20 year maximum.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Portsmouth Police Department, the Exeter Police Department, the North Hampton Police Department, the New Hampshire State Police and the Kittery Police Department, Kittery, Maine all participated in the investigation and apprehension of Hughes and Robbins. U.S. Attorney Colantuono expressed his appreciation for the cooperative effort by these agencies in locating and capturing the defendants.

An indictment is merely the formal way of charging an individual with a crime. All persons are presumed innocent of any charge against them until the government proves guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

